

BENNINGTON EVENING BANNER

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It Sometimes Seems As Though People Who Never Have Anything of Importance to Say Are Always the Busiest At the Telephone

ASTRAKHAN CITY OF MISERY, DEATH AND DESOLATION

Once Busy Wharves Crowded
with Refugees

WINTER AND NO SHELTER

Black Typhus, Cholera and
Malaria have Killed Thou-
sands in Two Years

Astrakhan, Russia, Oct. 3. (By the Associated Press)—Hopeless crowds of refugees crowd the wharves at Astrakhan which in happier times were filled with the commerce flowing to and from Russia and the trans-Caspian plains. Cold rains are falling almost continually and the first snow of winter has whitened the roofs of the city's buildings but the thousands of immigrants have no shelter while they wait vainly day and night for transportation to Kuban and the Don regions where they expect to obtain food, money, suffering and death. The refugees are fleeing from starvation but many children and even adults die from the effects of the first food they receive in their weakened condition.

Black typhus took a terrible toll of lives during the winter of 1919-20 and during last summer cholera and malaria carried off thousands of victims.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES.

Monday evening 7:30 the Ladies' Aid society holds a business meeting in the church parlors. Owing to the State Sunday school convention, coming to Bennington, this meeting is of special importance.

The class meeting is led by Frank Center this week Tuesday evening.

Mrs. James Martin entertains Circle No. 2 of the Ladies' Aid society Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in her home on Main street.

Thursday evening the minister has charge of the mid-week meeting, opening at 7:30.

Friday evening Prof. E. E. Long meets the choir.

Methodist teachers and all other leaders in any department of the church, will want to take advantage of the State Bible school convention Friday afternoon and evening, Saturday morning, afternoon and evening, and Sunday morning and afternoon. Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman which needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Real Generosity.

A couple of Yankee deacons were talking of a prominent citizen of whose liberality there had always been considerable difference of opinion. "Well," said Deacon Diggs, "I have always held that Brother Brown was one of the most charitable men in this town. For instance, I have never known him to refuse to lend his pig but to anybody who asked him for it."

Last Offensive Use of Arrows.
The last offensive use of the bow seems to have occurred in 1701, when two gentlemen fought a duel with bows and arrows at Edinburgh, shooting three arrows each without damaging each other.

REWARD.

Reward of \$25.00 (twenty-five dollars) is offered for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of parties that broke into the Bennington Opera House, Sunday night, October 2.

J. B. HARTE, Mgr.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE—Good dry eating potatoes. Tel. 135-12, or write to J. P. Raymond, South Shaftsbury, Vt. 2316.

FOR SALE—Two cook stoves and second-hand furniture. Call at 212 County Street. 2316.

FOR SALE—Chalmers 5-passenger touring car. Price \$1500 if sold at once. Tel. 131-M or call at 304 1/2 Grove St. 2316.

FOR SALE—New cornet, heavy silver plate with gold bell, trumpet model. Can be seen at 614 Main St. 2316.

FOR SALE—Child's crib and rocking horse in good condition. 314 East Main St. Tel. 21-36. 2316.

TO RENT—Two furnished rooms for light house keeping. Steam heated, electric light, gas, bath, hot water with all modern conveniences. For rent only. At 112 Pleasant street. Inquire at J. Leader, 137 North street. Telephone 244-11. 2316.

TO RENT—Furnished room, all modern conveniences. Call during the evening at 119 Spring St. Tel. 456-R. 2316.

TO RENT—Furnished room with steam heat, electric lights, bath, centrally located. Mrs. Geo. E. Davis, 209 Pleasant St. 2316.

TO RENT—For the winter, furnished or partly furnished 3 or 4 room apartment, modern, centrally located. Elderly, Protestant couple preferred. Address P. O. Box 432. 2316.

WANTED—Salesman with car. Call on dealers with guaranteed tires. Salary and expenses; also extra commission. Crescent Tire and Rubber Company, Plymouth, Indiana. 2316.

BODY OF SEARLES WILL BE EXHUMED TO HOLD AUTOPSY

More Mystery Attached to Death
of Recluse of Meuthen

REPORTS OF POISONING

District Attorney Says Step Is
Prompted by Anonymous
Communications

Lawrence, Mass., Oct. 3. (By the Associated Press)—The body of Edward F. Searles, the recluse millionaire of Meuthen, has been ordered exhumed for the purpose of holding an autopsy.

District Attorney Donnell, in making the announcement which followed anonymous reports to him that Searles had been poisoned, said he had no evidence at present to warrant the belief that Searles' death was due to poison or violence.

SUBTLE COMPLIMENT.

"Why did you put that sign over your desk, 'This is my busy day'?"
"It makes a good impression," answered Senator Sorghum, "when an influential constituent calls."
"But it might give offense,"
"Not at all. It adds to a visitor's sense of importance when I give him a cigar and tell him I want a long chat with him."

Spoiled His Usefulness.

"Hon. T. J. Twobble doesn't seem interested in the ordinary affairs of life."

"A great misfortune overtook him."

"A private sorrow?"

"No, a public one. About ten years ago he was mentioned for the presidency and ever since he has worn the air of a man who has served two terms in the White House and doesn't know what to do with himself."

—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Buying Material.

"You got some drawings?"

"Yes."

"What's the other fellow got?"

"Poetry," said the other fellow.

"Well, it's this way, boys," said the magazine man. "I gotta have something to wedge the prose articles apart. I don't care what it is. You two toss for it."—Louisville Courier-Journal.



She—Why is it that you never mention your ancestors?
He—Because I believe in letting bygones be bygones.

The Changing Times.

Dad's as mad as fury!
Not a thing to eat at home—
Mother's on the jury.

The Spirit of Submission.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "hadn't we better keep a little money and jewelry in the hall?"

"I thought you were afraid of burglars?"

"I am. If one should break in and find no valuables, he might be terribly irritated."

Looks So, Indeed.

"Well, my dear?"

"The cook has issued an ultimatum."

"What about?"

"She says every time she has an afternoon off our car is in the repair shop and it's beginning to look to her like a put-up job."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Primary Law Flouted.

Adam (sternly)—Always keep a little mind, woman, that my word is law in the garden.

Eve (sweetly)—It's one thing to make a law, old dear, and quite another thing to enforce it.—Buffalo Express.

Even Profane.

Mrs. Kowler—I understand one can learn different languages from the phonograph.

Mrs. Wagg—Well, since our neighbors got theirs, I know my husband has used language I never heard him use before.—Boston Transcript.

Bridget Scores.

—It's an old saying, Bridget, that too many cooks spoil the broth. What do you think?

Bridget—Sure, ma'am, there's nothing to worry about. There's only one cook here.—Boston Transcript.

MANCHESTER FAIR WINNERS

Premiums Awarded to Club Boys and Girls

Members of the Bennington county boys' and girls' clubs won the following prizes at the Manchester fair:

HOME CANNED FOODS.

Beets—1st, Margaret Eager, Landgrove.

Carrots—1st, Margaret Eager, Landgrove.

Corn—1st, Isabel Phelps, Readsboro.

Shell Beans—1st, Isabel Phelps, Readsboro.

Peas—1st, Wilma Thompson, Landgrove.

One Jar Each Any Ten Vegetables—1st, Marion Couch, Manchester.

Plums—2nd, Isabel Phelps, Readsboro.

Blackberries—1st, Marjorie Pierce, Manchester; 2nd, Dora Stratton, Bennington.

Currants—1st, Eleanor Sanders, Bennington.

One Jar Each Any Five Fruits—2nd, Florence Mould, Bennington.

Apple Jelly—1st, Marion Farnum, Peru.

Currant Jelly—1st, Harriet Elliot, Manchester.

Grape Jelly—1st, Marion Couch, Manchester.

Special, Blackberry Jam—1st, Marjorie Pierce, Manchester.

CLOTHING.

Dress—1st, Ruth Fitchett, Old Bennington; 2nd, Edith Phelps, Readsboro.

Pat—1st, Jane Monroe, South Shaftsbury; 2nd, Lois Galusha, South Shaftsbury.

Knitted Article—1st, Ruth Fitchett, Old Bennington; 2nd, Mary Regan, Manchester.

Crocheted Article—1st, Myrtle Stone, Dorset; 2nd, Gertrude Ayers, Readsboro.

Embroidered Article—1st, Helen Hubbard, Manchester; 2nd, Edith Phelps, Readsboro.

Plain Washable Dress—1st, Elizabeth Tynan, Arlington; 2nd, Harriet Elliot, Manchester.

Middy Blouse—1st, Mary Coulter, Shaftsbury; 2nd, Olive Galusha, Shaftsbury.

Plain Apron—1st, Grace Amadon, Bennington; 2nd, Lois Galusha, South Shaftsbury.

Towel—1st, Dorothy Harrington, Shaftsbury; 2nd, Sarah Williams, Shaftsbury.

Table Cover—1st, Olive Niles, Bennington; 2nd, Amy Niles, Bennington.

Petticoat—1st, Helen Hubbard, Manchester.

Corset Cover—1st, Grace Amadon, Bennington.

Chemise—1st, Amy Niles, Bennington; 2nd, Harriet Elliot, Manchester.

Nightgown—2nd, Mary Regan, Manchester.

Handkerchief—1st, Susie Williams, Manchester; 2nd, Marjorie Harwood, South Shaftsbury.

Sewing Bag—1st, Dorothy Eldred, Bennington; 2nd, Ruth Haid, Manchester.

Bloomers—1st, Mary Coulter, South Shaftsbury; 2nd, Olive Galusha, Shaftsbury.

COOKING.

One Loaf White Bread—1st, Clara Fisher, Manchester; 2nd, Marion Couch, Manchester Center.

One Dozen Rolls—1st, Elizabeth Tynan, Arlington; 2nd, Clara Fisher, Manchester Center.

One Dozen Muffins—1st, Helen Fitchett, Manchester Center.

One Plain Cake—1st, Beatrice Mattison, Manchester Center; 2nd, Myrtle Stone, Dorset.

One Dozen Cookies—1st, Susie Williams, Manchester; 2nd, Helen Batchelder, Manchester.

HOME GARDEN PRODUCTS.

Five Table Beets—1st, Clifford Bates, Landgrove; 2nd, Ned Hemmings, Manchester.

Five Carrots—1st, Clifford Bates, Landgrove; 2nd, Raymond Rice, Bennington.

Five Turnips—1st, Raymond Rice, Bennington; 2nd, Thelma Hazeltine, S. Shaftsbury.

Five Onions—1st, Raymond Rice, Bennington.

Five Tomatoes—1st, John Elliot, Manchester; 2nd, Everett Paddock, Bennington.

Five Peppers—1st, Thelma Hazeltine, S. Shaftsbury.

Three Cabbages—1st, Raymond Rice, Bennington; 2nd, James Farnum, Peru.

Three Cucumbers—1st, Charles Houran, Bennington; 2nd, Thelma Hazeltine, S. Shaftsbury.

Three Heads Cauliflower—1st, John Elliot, Manchester.

Three Table Squashes—1st, Charles Houran, Bennington; 2nd, Ned Hemmings, Manchester.

Three Pie Pumpkins—1st, Raymond Rice, Bennington.

Largest Pumpkin or Squash—1st, Helen Turner, W. Arlington; 2nd, Wayside Tales.

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GREENWICH FAILS TO WIN SERIES FOR NO. BENNINGTON

Bennington Takes Deciding Fray
by Score of 8 to 1

WALLOPS PITCHER DIETZ

Williamstown College Boys Victors in Season's Last Battle on Morgan Park

Bennington closed the baseball season Sunday by defeating North Bennington at North Bennington 8 to 1 and incidentally winning the series between the two villages by three games to two. The game was witnessed by one of the largest crowds of the season and while the score was one-sided, there was action enough to make the contest interesting from start to finish.

North Bennington was represented by the Greenwich club with Dietz in the box. Dietz is classed as one of the best semi-pro team pitchers in the neck of the woods but he was given a thorough drubbing Sunday afternoon, being touched up for 14 hits. McCorry of the Pittsfield eastern league club, who pitched for Bennington, went through with but three singles and with perfect support would have had a shutout game to his credit. The score:

North Bennington									
AB	R	B	P	O	A	E			
Deaney, ss.,	4	0	1	2	0	1			
Pick, c.,	4	0	0	8	0	0			
McLaughrey, 1b.,	3	0	0	8	3	0			
Nedde, cf.,	4	0	1	2	1	0			
Keenan, c.,	4	0	0	2	0	1			
White, 2b.,	4	0	0	1	0	1			
Fletcher, lf.,	3	1	0	1	0	1			
Mealey, rf.,	2	0	1	3	1	0			
Deitz, p.,	2	0	0	0	3	0			
Totals	30	1	3	27	15	3			

Bennington									
AB	R	B	P	O	A	E			
Prindle, cf.,	4	0	0	0	0	0			
King, ss.,	4	0	1	2	2	0			
Hicks, rf.,	3	4	2	1	1	0			
Boytton, 1b.,	5	2	4	10	1	0			
McCorry, p.,	4	0	1	1	8	0			
Nichols, 2b.,	5	0	2	0	0	1			
Harris, lf.,	5	0	2	0	0	0			
Brazil, c.,	4	0	0	11	0	1			
Totals	39	8	14	27	14	2			

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Two base hits, Minor, Hicks, Nichols; three base hits, Boytton, Nichols, Harris; stolen bases, Hicks; sacrifice hits, Mealey; left on bases, Bennington, 10, North Bennington 6; first base on errors, Bennington 1, North Bennington 2; bases on balls—off Dietz, 4, McCorry, 3; hit by pitcher, by Dietz, McCorry and King; struck out by Dietz 5, McCorry 11; passed balls, Fish; umpire Cy Perry; time, 2 hours.

Saturday afternoon, Bennington played a team composed of Williamstown college students at Morgan park and lost to the tune of 11 to 7.

Surely "Evening Dress."

Dressed in pajamas of various hues a party of men, among the best known figures in society, entered a famous restaurant in the Bois de Boulogne, Paris, where evening dress is compulsory. The maitre d'hotel, despite the flusterous names of the guests, refused to serve them. One of an ancient princely family went out, called a policeman and put the question to him whether he was not dressed properly to meet the restaurant rules. The policeman scratched his head and allowed that though he did not wear them himself, to his way of thinking pajamas were certainly evening clothes, whereupon the innovators enjoyed a cool repast.

Nap Caused Trouble.

I worked in a furniture repair shop. One night just as I was about to close up the shop and go home, a great storm came up. After waiting several hours for the tempest to cease, I decided to take a little nap, and, removing my shoes, I curled up on a large couch near the show window. When my boss came next morning he wondered why there was such a crowd around his window. Then he discovered me still fast asleep, with my feet, clad in lavender socks, with large holes in the heels, stuck up in the window. Believe me, I got my walking papers!—Exchange.

Korean Race a Mixture.

The Koreans are taller than either the Chinese or Japanese. They are robust and vivacious, indefatigable workers and are in great demand in Japan as mechanics. There are different races in the country, and there is a great diversity of features. Some faces are entirely void of hair; others have rich, silky beards and whiskers, while those of others present nothing but a coarse tangled mass.

Or Burn the Bridges.

Be sure you are right, then go ahead, but don't destroy your return ticket.—Wayside Tales.

OSRO R. CLAYTON

Bennington Corporation Attorney Died Early This Morning.

Osro R. Clayton corporation attorney for the village of Bennington, died early this morning at his home on Jefferson street. Death was directly due to embolism. A month ago he was compelled to leave his office because of varicose veins. He partially recovered and during the last two weeks was able to pass a portion of each day at his office. There was no apparent change in his condition Sunday and his death was unusually sudden.

The deceased was born in Weston March 17, 1872, received his education at Black River academy in Ludlow, St. Johnsbury academy and Tufts college. He studied law with Judge A. E. Cudworth of South Londonderry and was admitted to the bar in 1900. He practiced a year in Weston and four years in Chester, moving in 1904 to South Londonderry where he continued the work of his profession and also edited the Londonderry Sifter.

Mr. Clayton came to Bennington in 1918 to become a member of the editorial staff of the Evening Banner and was associated with the paper until December 1919 when he resumed the practice of law with an office in the Ritchie block. At the latest village meeting he was given a practically unanimous election as corporation attorney, a position he was holding at the time of his death.

Mr. Clayton had always manifested a keen interest in educational matters and public affairs. Before coming to Bennington he had been a school director and school superintendent and for years had filled the office of justice of the peace. He was also a member of the legislature of 1912.

He was a member of the Congregational church, was also a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and was vice grand of Stark lodge of Bennington. An organization in which he took a more than usually active interest was the band connected with Stark lodge.

During his residence in Bennington Mr. Clayton had made a large number of acquaintances. Always courteous, gentlemanly and considerate of others he made friends readily. Interested as he was in all things pertaining to education and all movements tending toward the betterment or uplift of the community he had won the respect and esteem of Bennington people who sincerely regret his passing away.

He leaves a wife, who was Miss Helen K. Lawrence of Chester and whom he married at Chester, August 24, 1901, one daughter and two sons. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made.

BADGITS—A DISEASE.

"Why do you seek a divorce?"

"Your honor, my husband is a victim of badgits."

"Of what?"

"Badgits. Every time a badge is pinned on him he forgets all about his business, his home and his family. He spends so much time attending committee meetings for the public welfare and receiving distinguished visitors to the city he can't earn a living."

Origin of Famous Saying.

"Some of the old-fashioned editors still write editorials entitled, 'Whither Are We Drifting?'" remarked Mr. Twobble.

"So they do," said Mr. Gadspur. "I wonder where that phrase originated."

"I don't know, but I suspect Noah first said it when there wasn't a scrap of land in sight."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

The Fortunate Youth.

"And the wedding, you say, was a success?"

"It was. The man got a woman who could cook, the woman got a man who had something to cook, and her father got rid of the eldest of six daughters."

"That's the usual thing; what made it a success beside that?"

"Well, I used to be engaged to the bride!"—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

HIGHER ECONOMY

"But your fiancé's salary is so small how are you going to live?"
"Oh, we're going to economize. We're going to do without a lot of things that Jack wants."

A Frog Concert.

As I sat on the piazza that evening, I noticed first an ominous absence of bird voices, and next the presence of a numerous frog population about the little lake close by. The musical performances of these voluble reptiles began about sunset and increased in volume and power till nothing else could be heard. If all the thrushes in the state had assembled in that spot and sung their loudest, they could not have been heard above the awful volume of frog voices.—Olive Thorne Miller.

Dreaded Fog.

The fog on a fair composed of five needles of ice which occurs in winter in mountainous regions of the western United States. It is reputed to be very dangerous to the lungs.

BENNINGTON HIGH WINS 13 TO 7 OVER WILLIAMSTOWN

Vermont Students Success
Invade Massachusetts

THRILLS FOR SPECTATORS

Bennington Rapidly Pushing
Ball into Williamstown Ter